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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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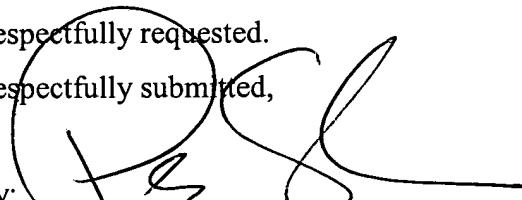
Dear Sir:

Applicant requests under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application. Applicant requests a two month extension or until March 27, 2004, to respond to the Office Action dated October 27, 2003. Our check in the amount of \$210.00 is attached to cover the one month extension of time fee.

Acknowledgment of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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